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**TO:** Energy and Environment Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Update on the RCP PEIR Schedule

## BACKGROUND:

The Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) was originally planned as a joint PEIR for both the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the RCP.

On November 1, 2007, SCAG's Regional Council voted in favor of preparing two separate PEIRs, one for the RTP and one for the RCP. This Regional Council action was primarily based on the fact that the RTP is a federally mandated plan with a definitive schedule for its adoption unlike the RCP which is in response to Regional Council direction, does not have a required deadline for adoption and is not specifically binding on SCAG's local jurisdiction members.

As part of the November action, SCAG's Regional Council determined the RCP should be evaluated once the RTP is fully developed, but also indicated the RCP schedule itself should be expedited. Staff previously presented an expedited schedule that called for adoption of the RCP by July 2008. However, the schedule is being revised to allow for the RTP process to move forward and avoid confusion between the two environmental efforts. The schedule below is based on anticipated adoption of the RTP in April 2008.

<b>RCP PEIR Schedule</b>	
<b>April 7</b>	Start comment period for NOP
<b>May 9</b>	End comment period for NOP
<b>June 5</b>	EEC action to release Draft RCP EIR
<b>June 9</b>	Start 45 day circulation
<b>July 24</b>	End of 45 day comment period
<b>September 4</b>	Ask EEC to recommend adoption of Final PEIR to RC
<b>September 22</b>	Mail responses to commenting agencies/persons
<b>October 2</b>	RC action to certify EIR/Adopt RCP


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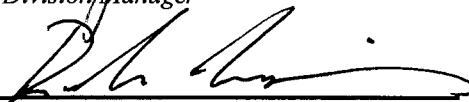
**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Regional Council authorized \$150,000 in TDA funds for the preparation of the RCP PEIR.

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